

# 2001-2002 Approved Late Migratory Bird Seasons and Codes

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## Duck, Coot and Merganser (12.15)

November 17-December 20, 2001 and December 26, 2001-January 20, 2002.

## Canvasback (12.15)

January 1-20, 2002.

## Snow, Blue and Ross' Goose (12.18)

November 7, 2001-January 31, 2002.

## White-Fronted Goose (12.18)

November 7, 2001-January 31, 2002.

## Canada Goose (12.20)

January 9-31, 2002.

## Falconry (12.23)

December 21-25, 2001 and January 21-February 15, 2002.

## Special Youth Waterfowl Hunt (12.25)

January 26-27, 2002.

# Approved Code Changes and Modifications

- 12.15**  
08-01      **DUCK, COOT AND MERGANSER SEASON RESTRICTIONS.** It shall be unlawful to take or attempt to take ducks or coots other than from November 17-December 20, 2001 and December 26, 2001-January 20, 2002.  
**EXCEPTIONS:**  
(1) Ducks, mergansers and coots may be taken during the Special Youth Waterfowl Hunt on January 26-27, 2002 (Ref. Code 12.25 Special Youth Waterfowl Hunt Restrictions).  
(2) **Canvasbacks may only be taken from January 1-20, 2002.**  
(3) **Canvasbacks may be taken during the youth hunt January 26-27, 2002.**  
**PENALTY:** \$200.00 to \$1,000.00.
- 12.18**  
08-01      **SNOW, BLUE, ROSS' AND WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE SEASON RESTRICTIONS.** It shall be unlawful to take or attempt to take Snow, Blue ~~and~~ Ross' and white fronted-geese other than from November 7, 2001-January 31, 2002; ~~and white-fronted geese other than from November 7, 2000-January 31, 2001.~~  
**PENALTY:** \$200.00 to \$1,000.00.
- 12.20**  
08-01      **CANADA GOOSE SEASON RESTRICTIONS.** It shall be unlawful to take or attempt to take Canada geese other than from January 9-January 31, 2002, from one-half hour before sunrise to ~~noon-sunset~~, statewide.  
Areas closed to Canada goose hunting within the state are: Holla Bend National Wildlife Refuge Migratory Bird Closure Zone, Corps of Engineers' parks (except Lead Hill Park on Bull Shoals Lake), other parks, and within 200 yards of a human residence or park boundary and all waterfowl rest areas on all Wildlife Management Area.  
**PENALTY:** \$200.00 to \$1,000.00.
- 12.23**  
08-01      **FALCONRY SEASON RESTRICTIONS.** It shall be unlawful to take or attempt to take migratory birds with raptors other than during the regular migratory bird seasons except as follows DUCKS, COOTS and MERGANSERS: December 21-25, 2001 and January 21-February 15, 2002.  
**PENALTY:** \$100.00 to \$1,000.00.
- 12.25**  
08-01      **SPECIAL YOUTH WATERFOWL HUNT RESTRICTIONS.** It shall be unlawful for anyone other than youths, 15 years of age or younger, to hunt ducks, in season geese, mergansers and coots during the special youth waterfowl hunt on January 26-27, 2002. Youths who have completed a hunter education course must be accompanied by an adult mentor who is 18 years of age or older. Youths who have not completed a hunter education course must be accompanied by an adult mentor who is 21 years of age or older. Mentors may not hunt ducks, mergansers or coots but may, if properly licensed, hunt other game in season. Shooting hours and bag limits are the same as the regular waterfowl season. **One Canvasback per day may be taken during the special youth waterfowl hunt.**  
**PENALTY:** \$100.00 to \$1,000.00.
- 13.06**  
08-01      **MIGRATORY GAME BIRDS SHOOTING HOUR RESTRICTIONS.**  
It shall be unlawful to take or attempt to take any migratory game bird, including migratory waterfowl, other than one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise (local time) or later than sunset (local time).  
**EXCEPTION:**

(1) Shooting hours for teal during the teal season are sunrise to sunset (local time).

~~(2) Shooting hours for Canada geese are from one half hour before sunrise until noon.~~

**PENALTY:** \$100.00 to \$1,000.00.

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**HARVEST INFORMATION REQUIREMENTS.** Effective July 1, 1999, it shall be unlawful for any person (resident or non-resident) to hunt migratory game birds in Arkansas without a Harvest Information Requirements (HIP) permit. Also, proof of Arkansas registration must be carried at all times when hunting migratory birds. The 2000-2001 permit expired June 30, 2001. It shall be unlawful to take or attempt to take migratory game birds without first completing the current annual HIP questionnaire and obtaining a current HIP permit. This permit is not valid in any state other than Arkansas.

**EXCEPTIONS:**  
(1) Hunters under 16 years of age who are exempt from state licensing requirements.

**PENALTY:** \$100.00 to \$1,000.00.

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**MIGRATORY WATERFOWL SHOOTING HOUR RESTRICTIONS**

**WITHIN CERTAIN WMAs AND WDAs.** It shall be unlawful to take or attempt to take migratory waterfowl during migratory waterfowl seasons later than 12:00 o'clock noon on Wildlife Management Areas.

**EXCEPTIONS:**

- (A) Migratory waterfowl hunting permitted during the entire day (regular shooting hours) of the last 3 days of the last duck season. Ref: Commission code 12.15 (Duck and Coot Season Restrictions).
- (B) In Compliance with 25.02, Hunting or Trespassing prohibited within Certain Waterfowl Management Areas.
- (C) All day hunting allowed during the Special Youth Waterfowl Hunt on January 26-27, 2002 (Ref. Code 12.25 Special Youth Waterfowl Hunt Restrictions).
- (D) All day hunting allowed on Beaver Lake, Dardanelle, Ft. Chaffee, Mt. Magazine and Ozark Lake WMAs.

**PENALTY:** \$100.00 to \$1,000.00

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**DEFINITION OF TERMS.** For the purposes of the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission Code of Regulations, the following terms shall be construed, respectively, to mean and include:

**ADULT GOBBLER** – Male turkeys having at least one of the following characteristics: a) tail feathers which are the same length, b) wing feathers that have white barring all the way to the tip or c) a beard more than six (6) inches in length.

**ALLIGATOR DEALER** – Any person, firm or corporation engaging in the sale, purchase, barter, or exchange of an American alligator (*Alligator mississippiensis*) or other crocodilian species, or any part, nest or eggs thereof in the State of Arkansas.

**ALLIGATOR FARMER** – Any person, firm or corporation possessing an American alligator (*Alligator mississippiensis*) or other crocodilian species, or any part, nest or eggs thereof in the State of Arkansas for the purpose of propagation production or rearing.

**ALLIGATOR SNAPPING TURTLE DEALER** - Any person, firm or corporation engaged in the sale or purchase of alligator snapping turtles.

**ALLIGATOR SNAPPING TURTLE FARMER** - Any person, firm or corporation possessing alligator snapping turtles for the purpose of propagation, production or rearing.

**ANIMAL – An organism of the animal kingdom, as distinguished from the plant kingdom, including any part, product, egg, or offspring thereof.**

**ANTLERLESS DEER** - Any deer (buck or doe) having both antlers less than two inches in length.

**ANTLERLESS ELK** - Any elk (male or female) not meeting requirements to be a legal bull elk

**AQUATIC WILDLIFE** – Crawfish, Aquatic Turtles, Fish or Minnows.

**ARKANSAS RIVER BOUNDARY (Sportfishing Only):** The Arkansas Post Canal from Lock and Dam #1 to the Arkansas River and the Arkansas River from Dam #2 upstream to the Oklahoma state line including all lakes, bays and tributary streams accessible by boat from the main channel except that portion of Big Bayou Meto upstream from Hwy 11, Plum Bayou upstream from Hwy 79, Little Maumelle River upstream from Pinnacle State Park, Maumelle River upstream from Lake Maumelle Dam, Fouché LaFave upstream from Hwy 113, Palarm Creek upstream from Interstate 40, Cadron Creek upstream from the weir, Point Remove Creek upstream from Hwy 113, Petit Jean River upstream from Pontoon Boat Ramp at Hwy 154, Illinois Bayou upstream from Russellville Waterworks Dam, Big Piney and Little Piney Creeks upstream from Hwy 359, Horsehead Creek upstream from Interstate 40, Mulberry River upstream from Interstate 40, Frog Bayou upstream from Hwy 162 and Lee Creek upstream from Lee Creek Dam, and from the first non-navigable shoal for streams entering the Arkansas River along the left bank ascending from Lake Dardanelle Dam to the Oklahoma State Line.

**ARTIFICIAL LURE/FLY** - Terminal fishing tackle made by the method of fly tying, or made entirely of rubber, wood, metal, glass, feathers, hair, synthetic fibers, or plastic, with hook attached.

**BAG LIMIT** - The number of species allowed to be taken in a time period - 24 hours (12 o'clock midnight to 12 o'clock midnight) unless otherwise specified.

**BAITFISH** - Minnows, shad, and bream 4" and under.

**BAITING** – The direct or indirect placing, exposing, depositing, distributing, or scattering of salt, grain, or other feed that could serve as a lure or attraction for wildlife to, on, or over any areas where hunters are attempting to take them.

**BLACK BASS:** Largemouth bass, redeye bass, smallmouth bass, and spotted bass.

**BREAM** - Any species of a genus *Lepomis* to include bluegill, redear, warmouth, or sunfish.

**BUCK (Legal Statewide and Wildlife Management Areas)** - A deer having at least one antler with at least three points, each a minimum of one inch long. A deer having at least one antler with at least four points, each a minimum of one inch long on Bayou Meto, Cut-Off Creek, Dagmar, Grandview Prairie, Henry Gray Hurricane Lake, Lafayette County, Rex Hancock/Black Swamp, Trusten Holder and Wattensaw WMAs and U of A Pine Tree Experimental Station WDA.

**BUCK (Legal – on National Wildlife Refuges)** – A deer having a minimum of two (2) inch hardened bone antler.

**BUCK DEER SEASON** - Any deer season whereby no deer other than legal buck deer may be taken.

**BULL ELK (legal)** - Any elk having at least one antler visible above the hair line.

**BUY – To purchase, barter, exchange, or trade and includes any offer to purchase, barter, exchange, or trade.**

**CAPTIVITY or HOLD CAPTIVE – The holding of living wildlife in a controlled environment that is manipulated by man for the purpose of exercising ownership, possession or control of the wildlife, and that has boundaries designed to prevent selected species from entering or leaving the controlled environment.**

**CASE** - A container specifically designed for the purpose of housing a gun which completely encloses such gun by being zipped, snapped, buckled, tied or otherwise fastened with no portion of the gun exposed.

**CATCH-AND-RELEASE** – The requirement that fish of a designated species must be immediately released into the water where caught.

**CHUMMING** – To dislodge or deposit any substance not attached to a hook which may attract fish.

**CITY, COUNTY, STATE, OR FEDERALLY MAINTAINED ROAD** - Any road graded or otherwise repaired by any city, county, state, or federal agency in the state of Arkansas.

**COMMERCIAL FISH** - Bowfin, buffalo, catfish, carp, drum, gar, paddlefish, sucker family, white amur, and sturgeon.

**COMMERCIAL FISHERMAN** - Any person who fishes with tackle designated as commercial tackle requiring a license and/or tag issued by the Commission.

**COMMERCIAL SHOOTING RESORT** - Any person, firm, or corporation engaged, for pay or other consideration, in the business of providing commercially-obtained or pen-raised birds for harvest by hunters.

**COMMISSION** - The Arkansas State Game and Fish Commission, unless otherwise designated.

**DOE DEER SEASON** - Same as either-sex season.

**DROWNING SET** - Any leg hold trap that utilizes one or more of the following techniques to retain the target animal in water of suitable depth for drowning. These are: (1) a slide wire with lock; (2) tangle stake; or (3) drowning weight.

**ENCLOSE – To surround species of wildlife on all sides using man-made barriers, including but not limited to fencing, walls, structures or other devices, so that the wildlife are not free to leave a particular environment.**

**ENCLOSURE – Any area surrounded by a man-made barrier, including but not limited to fencing, walls, structures or other devices that prevent wildlife from leaving a particular environment.**

**ENDANGERED SPECIES** - any wildlife species or subspecies endangered or threatened with extinction listed by the U. S. Department of Interior and the following native species hereby designated in Arkansas:

**MAMMALS:**

Gray bat (*Myotis grisescens*), Indiana bat (*Myotis sodalis*), Ozark big-eared bat (*Plecotis townsendii ingens*), Florida panther, (*Felis concolor coryi*)

**BIRDS:**

Bald eagle (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*), Arctic peregrine falcon (*Falco peregrinus tundrius*), least tern (*Sterna antillarum*), Bachman's warbler (*Vermivora bachmanii*), ivory-billed woodpecker (*Campephilus principalis*), red-cockaded woodpecker (*Dendrocopos borealis*)

**REPTILES:**

American alligator (*Alligator mississippiensis*),

FISHES:

Ozark cavefish (Amblyopsis rosae), leopard darter (Percina pantherina), pallid sturgeon (Scaphirhynchus albus);

MOLLUSKS:

Curtis' pearly mussel, (Epioblasma florentina curtisi), fat pocketbook pearly mussel (Potamilus capax), pink mucket mussel (Lampsilis orbiculata), turgid blossom mussel (Epioblasma turgidula), speckled pocketbook mussel (Lampsilis streckeri), Arkansas fatmucket mussel (Lampsilis powelli), winged mapleleaf mussel (Quadrula fragosa), Magazine Mountain shagreen land snail (Mesodon magazinensis);

ARTHROPODS:

Cave crayfish (Cambarus zophonastes) and (Cambarus aculabrum);

PLANTS:

Geocarpon minimum (no common name), pondberry, (Lindera melissifolia)

**FEE LAKE** - A lake in which there is a charge for fishing privileges. All persons 16 years of age and older must possess an Arkansas fishing license. Creel limits apply.

**FIREARMS, LOADED** - Firearms shall be considered to be loaded if shells or cartridges are in either the chamber, magazine, or cylinder; percussion cap muzzle-loading firearms are considered loaded if the percussion cap is on the nipple; flintlock muzzle-loading firearms are considered to be loaded if there is powder in the flashpan.

**FISH or FISHING** - To lure, attract, collect, or pursue fish species or aquatic wildlife for the purpose of taking or attempting to take such fish species or aquatic wildlife by any method.

**FISH FARM** - Waters and adjacent premises confined within a pond, tank, or lake not connected with public waters, and under management by a commercial fish farmer.

**FISH FARMER** - Any person, firm, partnership or corporation engaged in the propagation and/or production of crawfish, fish and/or minnows for sale.

**FREEFLOATING FISHING DEVICE** - Any floating fishing device unanchored or unattached to a stationary object.

**FURBEARING ANIMALS** - Badger, beaver, bobcat, civet cat, coyote, gray fox, red fox, mink, muskrat, nutria, opossum, raccoon, river otter, skunk, and weasel.

**GAFFING FISH** - Taking or attempting to take fish with a hand held or handled hook prior to being caught on hook and line.

**GAME ANIMALS** - Black bear, bobcat, coyote, deer, elk, fox, mink, opossum, rabbit, raccoon, and squirrel.

**GAME BIRDS** - Turkey, quail, pheasant, chuckar, and all birds classified by the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service as migratory game birds.

**GAME FISH**: Alligator gar, black bass, white bass, striped bass, striped bass hybrid, crappie, catfish, trout, bream, sunfish, goggle-eye, walleye, northern pike, muskellunge, sauger, paddlefish, and pickerel.

**GUIDE** - A person who helps or aids, for hire, another person to hunt or fish.

**HIGH FENCE ENCLOSURE** – An enclosure that contains an area of at least 500 contiguous acres, with at least sixty percent (60%) of the acreage in forested cover that has been classified as timberland by the local county tax assessor, that has a perimeter fence at least eight (8) feet high, with no cross fencing that has the effect of reducing the size of the area to less than 500 contiguous acres with at least sixty percent (60%) of the acreage in forested cover as herein provided.

**HUNT or HUNTING** – To search for, pursue, chase, track, lure, attract, or lie in wait of game animals or other wildlife for the purpose of taking or attempting to take such game animals or wildlife by any method.

**HUNTING PARTY** - Two or more persons hunting together.

**IMPORT – To land on, bring into, or introduce into any place within the jurisdiction of the State of Arkansas.**

**JAKE** - Sub-adult turkeys having all of following characteristics: a) longer central tail feathers, b) outermost 1 or 2 wing feathers lacking white barring all the way to the tip and c) a beard six (6) inches or less in length.

**MINIMUM LENGTH LIMIT** – The shortest length of a fish, of a designated species, measured from the front of the lower jaw with the mouth closed to the tip of the tail with tail lobes pressed together, that an angler may keep. All fish not meeting the minimum length requirement for a particular water or species must be immediately released into the water where caught.

**KILLING DEVICE** - Any firearm, bow and arrow, crossbow, pellet gun, or any other device capable of killing wildlife.

**MINNOWS** - small nongame fish commonly used for bait and include bluntnose, bullhead minnows, chubs, dace, darters, fatheads, killifish, small carp, small goldfish, shiners, and stonerollers.

**MOBILITY IMPAIRED** - Individuals who are permanently and totally mobility impaired in accordance with criteria on the Game and Fish application for the mobility impaired card.

**NIGHT** - thirty (30) minutes after sunset to thirty (30) minutes before sunrise.

**NONGAME WILDLIFE** - all wildlife other than furbearing or game animals, birds and fish.

**NON-RESIDENT** - Any person not defined as resident.

**NUISANCE ANIMALS** - Any wild animal creating a problem by committing damage to personal property (Depredation Permit available).

**NUISANCE FURBEARING ANIMALS** - Beaver, muskrat, and nutria.

**OPEN SEASON** - that season during which protected wildlife may be lawfully taken.

**PEN-RAISED QUAIL** - Quail that are hatched from eggs of quail raised in captivity in pens or cages.

**PERSON** - Any individual, firm, corporation, association, or partnership in singular or plural as the context requires.

**POSSESS or POSSESSION** - To have under control. The manual or ideal custody of wildlife or anything that may be the subject of property, for one's use and enjoyment, either as owner or as the proprietor of a qualified right in it, and either held personally or by another who exercises it in one's place and name. Possession includes the act or state of possessing and that condition of facts under which one can exercise his power over a corporeal thing at his pleasure to the exclusion of all other persons. Possession includes constructive possession, which means not actual but assumed to exist, where one claims to hold by virtue of some title, without having actual custody.

**PROTECTED SLOT LIMIT** – A species/size limit which prohibits anglers from keeping fish within a designated size group, and requires fish of that size and species to be immediately released into the water where caught.

**PROTECTED WILDLIFE** - all wildlife in the state unless a declared open season has been established by the Commission.

**PUT AND TAKE PAY LAKE** - Private waters open to public fishing for a fee, after being licensed by the Commission and where no fishing license or daily limit of fish is imposed.

**RAPTOR** - Any migratory bird of the Order Falconiformes or the Order Strigiformes except bald or golden eagle.

**RESIDENT** - Any person who has established a bona fide or actual residence of at least 60 days prior to applying for a license, and who declares intentions of becoming a citizen of Arkansas.

Also, the following students, carrying proof of full-time enrollment in schools, colleges or universities while hunting or fishing in Arkansas, are eligible to purchase a resident license:

- (1) Resident foreign exchange students attending school outside of Arkansas.
- (2) Non-resident foreign exchange students attending school in Arkansas.
- (3) Residents of Arkansas enrolled as full-time students in colleges and universities outside of Arkansas.
- (4) Non-residents enrolled as full-time students in colleges and universities in Arkansas.

Possession of Arkansas real estate by persons living outside the state does not qualify the owner as a resident.

Servicemen and women stationed (permanently assigned) in Arkansas are granted resident privileges for hunting and fishing. Servicemen and women who were Arkansas residents at the time of entering service are also granted resident privileges for hunting and fishing, regardless where stationed.

65 Plus Lifetime Licenses, \$1,000 Sportsman's permit, Special Guide License, Commercial Mussel License, Commercial Fishing License and Commercial Turtling: Any person who has established a bona fide or actual residence of at least 12 months (one year) prior to applying for a license, and who declares intentions of becoming a citizen of Arkansas.

The Director or his representative shall make the final determination as to residency.

**ROUGH FISH** - All fish not declared to be game fish.

**SELL – To exchange or deliver for money or its equivalent; to offer for sale, barter, exchange, or trade or the act of selling, bartering, exchanging or trading.**

**SHELL BUYER** - Anyone who buys mussels or mussel parts from a Taker. An agent purchasing for a licensed buyer is not a buyer.

**SNAGLINE** - Commercial tackle consisting of a horizontal line with hooks or drops less than 24 inches apart.

**TACKLE** - Any rod, reel, pole, line, net, yo-yo, seine, or any other apparatus or device used to take fish.

**TAKE** - To shoot, kill, injure, trap, net, snare, spear, catch, capture, or reduce to possession.

**TAXIDERMY** - The art of preparing, stuffing and/or mounting of wildlife and parts thereof.

**TRANSLOCATION** – To ship, convey, carry or transport wildlife from one location to another by any means, including importation, exportation, interstate and intrastate movement.

***Trout – Any members of the Salmonidae family including rainbow trout, brown trout, brook trout, lake trout, and cutthroat trout.***

**WATERS OF THE STATE** - All streams, lakes, sloughs, bayous, marshes, or any other water wholly or partially within the State. Pay lakes and fish farms are excluded from the above.

**WILD** - to be living in a state of nature and not domesticated.

**WILDLIFE** - All wild birds, mammals, fish, reptiles, amphibians and other wild aquatic forms, and all other wild animals, regardless of classification, whether resident, migratory or imported, protected or unprotected, dead or alive, and shall extend to and include any and every part of any individual species of wildlife, **including animals living in a captive state and which lack a genetic distinction from members of the same species living in the wild.**

**WILDLIFE COMMERCIAL HUNTING RESORT – A Wildlife Commercial Hunting Resort is any facility, location, business or operation that is engaged in selling for money or any other consideration the opportunity to hunt or attempt to hunt captive wildlife.**

**WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA (WMA)** - Designated areas set aside by the Commission and distinguished by certain markers and considered a separate zone with regard to wildlife regulations. (Referred to as "WMA", "WDA", "FTA" or "NWR").

**ZONE** - Any area defined or delineated by the Commission where hunting and/or fishing activities are regulated for that specific area.

- 31.01A      **Game Fish Daily Limit Restrictions.**
- 31.01B      **Game Fish Possession Limit Restrictions.**
- 31.02      **Black Bass and Crappie Length Limits and Protective Slot Limits.**
- 31.03      **Trout Permit Requirements.**
- 31.04      **Gigging of Game Fish Prohibited.**
- 31.05      **Hogging, Noodling and Snagging Game Fish Prohibited.**
- 31.06      **Baiting with Game Fish Prohibited.**
- 31.07      **Sale of Game Fish Prohibited.**
- 31.08      **Sale of Bait Prohibited.**
- 31.09      **Yo-Yo Fishing Restrictions.**
- 31.10      **Freefloating Fishing Devices Restrictions.**
- 31.11      **Trotline Fishing Requirements.**
- 31.12      **Herding Trout.**



- 31.13 Chain Dragging on North Fork River Prohibited.
- 31.14 Transfer of Trout by Guides Restricted.
- 31.15 Tackle Restrictions for Trout Streams.
- 31.16 Catch and Release Restrictions.
- 31.17 Brown Trout Restrictions on White River.
- 31.18 Possession of Filleted Fish Prohibited on Length/Slot Limit Waters.
- 31.19 Urban Fishing Program Restrictions.
- 31.20 Community Fishing Management Program Restrictions.
- 31.21 Chumming Prohibited.

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**31.01A GAME FISH DAILY LIMIT RESTRICTIONS.** It shall be unlawful to take  
10-92 and retain more than the daily or aggregate limit of game fish while fishing from shore, boat or  
while transporting fish by boat, and returning from a one-day fishing trip. (See 01.00-C  
Definition and Terms for Bag Limit)

**31.01B GAME FISH POSSESSION LIMIT RESTRICTIONS.** It shall be  
10-01 unlawful to possess more than two (2) daily limits of game fish or the aggregate thereof.

Daily Limit - Black Basses(including not more than four Smallmouth).	10
Daily Limit - Rock Bass.....	10
Daily Limit - Catfish(exc. Bullhead).....	10
Daily Limit - Bream(over 4" in length).....	50
Daily Limit - Crappie.....	20
Daily Limit - Muskellunge.....	6
Daily Limit - Pickerel.....	6
Daily Limit - Northern Pike.....	6
Daily Limit - Sauger.....	6
Daily Limit - Saugeye.....	6
Daily Limit - Striped Bass or Hybrid Combination.....	6
Daily Limit - Trout (including not more than <del>2 brown and/or 2 cutthroat trout</del> )	
<b>2 each of brown, cutthroat, and brook trout.</b>	
<del>Daily Limit - Brook Trout.....</del>	<del>2</del>
Daily Limit - Walleye.....	6

Daily Limit - White Bass.....	25
(Yellow Bass - No Limit)	
Daily Limit - Paddlefish.....	2
Daily Limit - Alligator Gar.....	2
Daily Aggregate Limit.....	75
<b><u>Daily Limit for largemouth bass, bluegill</u></b>	
<b><u>and catfish on Cane Creek Lake from</u></b>	
<b><u>Oct. 19, 2000 through Feb. 1, 2001</u></b>	
<b><u>Daily Limit for all sportfish on Bois</u></b>	<b><u>½ daily limit</u></b>
<b><u>d’Arc in Hemstead County</u></b>	<b><u>½ daily limit</u></b>

**EXCEPTIONS:**

- (1) **LARGEMOUTH, SPOTTED, SMALLMOUTH (BLACK BASSES):**
  - (A) Ozark Zone (Baxter, Benton, Boone, Carroll, Cleburne, Fulton, Independence, Izard, Lawrence, Madison, Marion, Newton, Randolph, Searcy, Sharp, Stone, Van Buren, and Washington counties) - smallmouth bass minimum length limit 12 inches with a daily limit of 4, except Bull Shoals Lake, Beaver Lake, Lake Norfork, and Table Rock Lake (see exception 1(B) below).  
Ozark Zone Blue Ribbon Streams (Crooked Creek and Buffalo River) - smallmouth bass minimum length limit of 14 inches with a daily limit of 2.  
Smallmouth bass minimum length limit on Crooked Creek 18 inches with a daily limit of 1: from 101 bridge downstream to the confluence with the White River; between the hwy 62-412 and Hwy 62 Spur bridges at Pyatt.  
Ozark Zone Catch and Release Area – Crooked Creek, along boundary of Arkansas Game and Fish Foundation property near Kelly’s Slab Access.  
Ozark Zone Quality Streams (Kings, Spring, and South Fork/Spring rivers) - smallmouth bass minimum length limit of 14 inches with a daily limit of 2, *except on Kings River from Trigger Gap to Highway 62 bridge: minimum length limit 18 inches and daily limit of 1.*  
Ouachita/Boston Zone (all Arkansas counties not included in the Ozark Zone) - smallmouth bass minimum length limit of 10 inches with a daily limit of 4.  
Ouachita/Boston Zone Quality Streams (Mulberry, Caddo above DeGray Lake, DeGray Lake, Ouachita River upstream from Lake Ouachita, Saline River, including its four headwater forks in Saline, Perry and Garland counties, South Fork/Ouachita, Little Missouri above Lake Greeson and Lake Greeson) - smallmouth bass minimum length limit of 12 inches with a daily limit of 2.  
Ouachita/Boston Zone Catch-and-Release area - all smallmouth bass caught in Lake Ouachita including the Ouachita River upsteam to the River Bluff access area and Little Missouri River from Lake Greeson Dam to the Ouachita River must be immediately returned to the stream.
  - (B) Black Bass daily limit - six (6) on Beaver Lake, Bull Shoals, Norfork Lake, Lake Ouachita and Table Rock Lake, five (5) on Lake Lou Emma - Crawford County, and four (4) on Lake Cargile; Largemouth bass daily limit – **five (5) on Grandview Lake #2**, four (4) in Lower White Oak Lake and Lake Ashbaugh; (Reference Code 31.02 (6), Black Bass Length Limits and Protective Slot Limits on Certain Lakes).
  - (C) Largemouth bass caught must be immediately returned to the water in Cedar Creek Watershed Lake (Perry County), Lake Greenlee in Monroe County, **Lake Sylvia in Perry County, Morgan Point Bendway Lake in Desha County** and Lake SWEPCO.
- (2) **BREAM**
  - (A) No limit on bream four (4) inches or less in length.
- (3) **CATFISHES**

- (A) No limit on catfish on Grand Lake - Chicot County and between the main levees of the Mississippi River.
  - (B) Catfish daily limit five (5) on Lake Atalanta and Lake Bentonville - Benton County; Big Timber Lake - Clark County; Hidden Lake - Carroll County; Gurdon Lake - Clark County; Hubble Lake - Clay County; Lake Bailey - Conway County; Craighead Forest Lake - Craighead County; Lake Cambadelle - Crawford County; Lake Lou Emma - Crawford County; West Memphis City Parks Lake - Crittenden County; Village Creek State Park Lakes - Cross and St. Francis Counties; Lake Bennett - Faulkner County; Lake Clearfork - Garland County; Crowley Ridge State Park Lake and Reynolds Park Lake - Greene County; Newark City Lake - Independence; Hindsville Lake - Madison County; Blytheville City Park Lake - Mississippi County; Lake Sylvia - Perry County; Shady Lake - Polk County; Twin Lakes A & B, Camp Ferncliff, Paradise Lake, and all Little Rock and North Little Rock City Park lakes - Pulaski County; Old Davidsonville State Park Lake - Randolph County; Truman Baker Lake - Scott County; Cave City's Lakes - Sharp County; Gunner Pool and Hayden Bend Pond - Stone County; Devils Den State Park - Washington County; Spring Lake - Yell County; Kingfisher, Clubhouse Lakes in Petit Jean WMA, Yell County and posted U.S. Forest Service ponds and lakes.
  - (C) In addition to daily limit, ten (10) channel catfish under 16 inches may be taken on *Upper and Lower Lake Chicot Chicot (including that portion of Connerly Bayou downstream from Connerly Dam to the bayou's mouth and Ditch Bayou from the inlet on Lake Chicot to Ditch Bayou Dam)* and the Arkansas River.
  - (D) In addition to daily limit, ten channel catfish of any size may be taken in Lake Erling and Millwood Lake.
- (4) CRAPPIES
- (A) Crappie daily limit - 15 in Beaver, Table Rock, Bull Shoals and Norfork Reservoirs and Cane Creek Lake in Lincoln County.
  - (B) Crappie daily limit - 30 east of a line beginning at the Arkansas - Missouri State Line on U.S. Hwy 63 and described as follows: following U.S. Hwy. 63 south to Hardy, continuing on U.S. Hwy. 62 west to Ash Flat, continuing on U.S. Hwy 167 south to Little Rock, continuing on U.S. Hwy 67 south to Texarkana to Arkansas - Texas State Line, except daily limit of 20 crappie in Lake Chicot.
  - (C) Crappie daily limit - 50 between the main levees of the Mississippi River and on Horseshoe Lake in Crittenden County.

(5) TROUT

(A) Brown Trout daily limit - 2 with a 16-inch minimum size limit in White River (including Beaver Lake tailwaters and Bull Shoals Lake Tailwaters), North Fork White River, Spavinaw Creek (Benton County) west of Hwy. 59, Spring River;

Brown Trout daily limit - 4, only one of which may be 21 inches and over, with a protected slot limit from 16 to 21 inches in length in Little Red River.

(B) Cutthroat Trout daily limit - 2 with a 16-inch minimum size limit in trout waters as listed in 31.15, Tackle Restrictions for

Trout Streams.

(C) Trout daily limit - 3 in Blanchard Springs/Mirror Lake.

(6) WALLEYE

(A) Walleye daily limit - 4 with an 18 inch minimum length limit in Bull Shoals, Norfolk and Table Rock lakes **to the Beaver Dam on the White River; Greers Ferry Lake including all its tributaries, daily limit – 4, only one of which may be 28 inches or over, with a protected slot limit from 18 to 28 inches.**

(7) In compliance with Commission Code 31.02 (Game Fish Limits and Protective Slot Limits on Certain Lakes and Rivers.

(8) In compliance with Commission Code Section 35.00 (Spear Fishing).

(9) In compliance with Commission Code Section 42.00 (Fish Farmer).

(10) WHITE BASS, STRIPED BASS, HYBRID STRIPED BASS

(A) White Bass daily limit of 50 and possession limit of 100 while fishing between the main levees of the Mississippi River.

(B) Striped Bass or Hybrid Combination daily limit – 3 on Beaver Lake, Bull Shoals Lake, Lake Maumelle, Norfolk Lake and Lake Ouachita; 10 when taken from the Arkansas River and connecting lakes.

(C) No limit on White Bass on Lake Ashbaugh and Beaver Lake and all tributaries including Lake Sequoyah.

**PENALTY:** \$100.00 to \$1,000.00.

**31.02**

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**GAME FISH LENGTH LIMITS AND PROTECTIVE SLOT LIMITS  
ON CERTAIN LAKES AND RIVERS**

(A) BASS: It shall be unlawful to possess black bass as follows:

(1) Less than 12 inches in length on largemouth bass in Lake Frierson.

(2) Less than 12 inches in length on spotted bass in Beaver Lake, Bull Shoals Lake, Norfolk Lake and Table Rock Lake.

(3) Less than 15 inches in length on smallmouth bass in Beaver Lake, Bull Shoals Lake, Norfolk Lake and Table Rock Lake.

(4) Less than 15 inches in length on largemouth bass only in Beaver Lake, Big Lake National Wildlife Refuge, Blue Mountain Lake, Bull Shoals Lake, Caddo Fishing Pond, Upper and Lower Lake Chicot ***(including that portion of Connerly Bayou downstream from Connerly Dam to the bayou's mouth and Ditch Bayou from the inlet on Lake Chicot to Ditch Bayou Dam)*** in Chicot County, Georgia Pacific Lake Lake Greenlee, Kingfisher Lake, Greers Ferry Lake, Mercer Bayou (Sulphur River WMA), Moss Creek Pond, Norfolk Lake, Shady Lake, Table Rock Lake, Lake Wright (Sebastian County), and Arkansas River:

- (5) It shall be unlawful to possess largemouth bass from 13" to 16" in length on Lake Barnett (White County), Bear Creek Lake, Bob Kidd Lake, Lake Brewer, Lake DeGray, Dierks Reservoir (Howard and Sevier counties), Lake Hinkle (Scott County), Lake Hogue, Lee Creek Lake, Lake Maumelle (Pulaski County), Lake Ouachita, Sugar Loaf Lake, and Lake Wilhelmina (Polk County); or to possess largemouth bass from 13" to 18" in length on DeQueen Reservoir.
- (6) Less than 16 inches in length on largemouth bass only in Lake Millwood. Limit 3.
- (7) It shall be unlawful to possess largemouth bass from 16" to 21" in length or to possess more than one (1) largemouth bass 21" or longer in Lake Austell, Lake Cargile (Conway County), Lake Columbia, Lower White Oak Lake, Lake Ashbaugh and Mallard Lake. Limit 4.
- (8) It shall be unlawful to possess largemouth bass from 16" to 21" in length in Lake Pickthorne; limit 2, only one of which may be 21" or longer.
- (9) It shall be unlawful to possess largemouth bass from 16 inches to 21 inches in length in Lake #1 in Grandview WMA. Limit 2 largemouth bass (1 over 21" and 1 under 16", or 2 under 16"). Limit on other game fish is one half the statewide daily limit.
- (10) It shall be unlawful to possess largemouth bass from 16" to 24" in length or to possess more than one (1) largemouth bass 24" or longer in Lake Monticello. Limit 4.
- (B) CRAPPIE: It shall be unlawful to possess crappie as follows:
  - (1) Less than 10 inches in length in Beaver, Table Rock, Bull Shoals and Norfolk Reservoirs, with a daily limit of 15 crappie.
  - (2) Less than 10 inches in length in Cane Creek Lake, Upper and Lower Lake Chicot Chicot *(including that portion of Connerly Bayou downstream from Connerly Dam to the bayou's mouth and Ditch Bayou from the inlet on Lake Chicot to Ditch Bayou Dam)* and Lake Monticello.
  - (3) Less than 9 inches in length in Blue Mountain Lake and Harris Brake Lake.
- (C) SAUGEYE: It shall be unlawful to possess saugeye less than 18 inches in length on Lake Hinkle.
- (D) TROUT: It shall be unlawful to possess brook trout as follows:
  - (1) Less than 14" minimum length limit for brook trout statewide. Limit: 2.

**EXCEPTION:**

- (1) Sportfish may be snagged (except in catch and release areas) in accordance with Code 31.05, Hogging, Noodling and Snagging Game Fish Prohibited, and within the restrictive size limits as specified in Code 31.02.

NOTE: Measure all fish from the front end of the lower jaw to the tip of the tail with fish laid flat on rule, mouth closed and tail lobes pressed together.

**PENALTY:** \$100.00 to \$1,000.00.

- 31.03**  
10-00      **TROUT PERMIT REQUIREMENT:** It shall be unlawful for persons 16 or more years of age to retain trout from state waters, or to fish on Beaver Lake tailwaters, from Beaver Dam to Hwy. 62 bridge; Little Red River, from Greers Ferry Dam to Hwy 305 bridge; North Fork River, entire stream; Spavinaw Creek (Benton County) east of Hwy. 59; and White River, from Bull Shoals Dam to Hwy 58 bridge at Guion without first obtaining and validating by signature, a current trout permit.  
**EXCEPTION:**  
(1)      In compliance with Commission Code Section 34.00 Put-and-Take      Pay  
Lake Requirements.  
(2)      Persons possessing a Lifetime Resident Hunting and Fishing Sportsman's Permit.  
**PENALTY:** \$100.00 to \$1,000.00
- 31.04**  
08-80      **GIGGING OF GAME FISH PROHIBITED.** It shall be unlawful to gig game fish at any time.  
**PENALTY:** \$100.00 to \$1,000.00.
- 31.05**  
08-98      **HOGGING, NOODLING, AND SNAGGING GAME FISH PROHIBITED.** It shall be unlawful to hog, noddle or snag game fish except as specified herein:  
(1)      If snagged from bank within 100 yards below a dam (prohibited      below the Upper White Oak Lake Dam).  
(2)      If snagged from a boat located or anchored from 100 yards below all locks and dams on the Arkansas River to the downstream entrance point of the lock structure and from 100 yards below Dam number 2 to the boat launching ramps immediately below the dam.  
(3)      If snagged from the bank below Beaver Dam, from the Corps of      Engineers "No Fishing beyond this Point" sign, downstream to the      first Corps of Engineers boat ramp on the left descending bank      from April 15 - June 15 only.  
(4)      Limit: With the exception of catfish and paddlefish, no more than one-half the daily game fish limit may be taken by snagging, or the lesser whole number nearest one-half the limit, when the limit is an odd number.  
(5)      Snagging must be discontinued once the daily creel limit of any species of game fish has been harvested.  
(6)      All game fish snagged from the bank or from a boat shall be retained for personal use only (not sold) and applied to the daily limit.  
**PENALTY:** \$100.00 to \$1,000.00.
- 31.06**  
08-80      **BAITING WITH GAME FISH PROHIBITED.** It shall be unlawful to use game fish, or parts thereof, for bait or lures.  
**EXCEPTION:**  
(1)      Bream (Ref: 01.00-C)  
**PENALTY:** \$100.00 to \$1,000.00.

- 31.07**  
07-87      **SALE OF GAME FISH PROHIBITED.** It shall be unlawful to buy, sell, or possess for sale any game fish.  
**EXCEPTIONS:**  
(1) In compliance with Commission Code 41.12 (Undersized Commercial Fish Prohibited) when taken by commercial fishermen.;  
(2) Game fish raised in licensed fish farming operations.;  
(3) Bream four (4) inches or less in length;  
**PENALTY:** \$500.00 to \$1,000.00.
- 31.08**  
08-89      **SALE OF BAIT PROHIBITED.** It shall be unlawful to take from public waters of the state and sell, or offer for sale as fishing bait, any wildlife species or portions thereof other than insects, freshwater shrimp, worms, frogs, minnows, shad, mussels, crayfish, and bream under 4 inches.  
**PENALTY:** \$100.00 to \$1,000.00
- 31.09**  
10-92      **YO-YO FISHING RESTRICTIONS.** It shall be unlawful for a person to fish more than 30 yo-yos (or other mechanical fishing devices) or to leave such unattended (out of sight or hearing) at any times or to suspend more than one (1) yo-yo or mechanical device from any horizontal line, wire, limb or support. These regulations shall apply to all yo-yos left in place whether "set" or "tripped" (disabled).  
**EXCEPTION:**  
(1) Yo-yos may be left unattended from sunset to sunrise only if clearly and legibly marked with name and address, vehicle operator license number, or current vehicle license number (registered to the user) of the user.  
**PENALTY:** \$50.00 to \$1,000.00.
- 31.10**  
06-88      **FREEFLOATING FISHING DEVICES RESTRICTIONS.** It shall be unlawful for a person to fish in excess of twenty (20) freefloating fishing devices (jugs) and to fail to attend said devices at all times. All freefloating fishing devices shall be plainly labeled, on durable material, with the name and address, or vehicle operator's license number, or current vehicle license number (registered to the FFD user) of the person using such equipment.  
**EXCEPTION:**  
(1) Freefloating Fishing Devices are not required to be attended from sunset to sunrise.  
**PENALTY:** \$100.00 to \$1,000.00.
- 31.11**  
08-99      **TROTLINE FISHING REQUIREMENTS.** It shall be unlawful to use any trotline with drops or hooks less than twenty-four (24) inches apart statewide, or to use any trotline or snagline below any Lock and Dam on the Arkansas River from the Dam to the nearest arrival point navigation marker downstream, or to fail to run trotlines and remove catch daily. Unattended lines shall be removed and destroyed by Commission Officers. It shall also be unlawful for an angler to fish any more than 100 hooks at any time between the main levees of the Mississippi River. (Refer to Code 32.08, Waters Restricted to Certain Fishing Tackle, and Code 32.15, Cotton Line Anchoring Requirements.)  
**PENALTY:** \$100.00 to \$1,000.00.

- 31.12**  
06-81 **HERDING TROUT PROHIBITED.** It shall be unlawful on any trout stream in Arkansas to drive, pursue, harass or rally trout with the use of boats, wading, throwing objects, disturbing with noises, or by any other means for the intended purpose of concentrating or congregating trout.  
**PENALTY:** \$100.00 to \$1,000.00.
- 31.13**  
06-81 **CHAIN DRAGGING ON NORTH FORK RIVER PROHIBITED.** It shall be unlawful to drag chains or other objects from boats, capable of destroying aquatic vegetation, on North Fork River in Baxter County.  
**PENALTY:** \$100.00 to \$1,000.00.
- 31.14**  
06-83 **TRANSFER OF TROUT BY GUIDES RESTRICTED.** It shall be unlawful for licensed Commercial Guides to transfer to any other person his trout catch so that the recipient's legal daily or possession limit is exceeded.  
**PENALTY:** \$100.00 to \$1,000.00.
- 31.15**  
08-91 **TACKLE RESTRICTIONS FOR TROUT STREAMS.** It shall be unlawful to use more than two rods or poles per individual or to fail to attend rods or poles at all times in the following designated areas:
- (1) Beaver Lake Tailwaters - From Dam to Hwy 62 bridge;
  - (2) Blanchard Springs - from Spring to Mirror Lake Dam;
  - (3) Little Missouri River - From Lake Greeson Dam to Hwy 27 Bridge at Murfreesboro;
  - (4) Little Red River - From Greer's Ferry Dam to Hwy. 305 Bridge;
  - (5) Norfork River - Entire stream;
  - (6) Spring River - From mouth of Mammoth Spring to Many Islands Camp;
  - (7) White River - From Bull Shoals Dam to Hwy. 58 bridge at Guion.
- EXCEPTIONS:**
- (1) In compliance with Commission Code 32.07 (Fishing Below Dam Restrictions).
- PENALTY:** \$100.00 to \$1,000.00.
- 31.16** **~~CATCH AND RELEASE SPECIAL~~ RESTRICTIONS ON TROUT WATERS.**  
Baits such as marshmallows, salmon eggs, and moldable substances (Power Bait® and Zeke's Gold® types) are not allowed. Only artificial lures with one single up to three barbless hooking points per pole may be used, ~~except from 100 yards below Bull Shoals Dam to the upstream boundary of Bull Shoals State Park where a single barbless treble hook (three barbless hooking points on a common shank) may be used.~~ ~~and~~ All trout caught must be immediately returned to the stream in the following waters:
- (A) Dry Run Creek (Norfork National Fish Hatchery Effluent) in Baxter County is open to fishing by properly licensed disabled individuals and those under 16 years of age from sunrise to sunset only.
  - (B) Other waters:
    - (1) Beaver Tailwater - from 0.5 mile below Beaver Dam to 100 yards above Parker Bend.
    - (2) Bull Shoals Tailwater:
      - (A) Fishing is not allowed anytime 100 yards below Bull Shoals Dam upstream to the Dam.
      - (B) From 100 yards below Bull Shoals Dam to the wing Dike at the Bull Shoals State Park Trout Dock closed to fishing from November 1 to January 31.
      - (C) From 100 yards below Bull Shoals Dam to the upstream boundary of Bull Shoals State Park: CATCH AND RELEASE AREA from February 1 to October



- (D) Between the upstream and downstream boundary signs as posted by the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission near Mount Olive Access Area and near Jack's Resort.
- (E) From Monkey Island to Moccasin Creek.
- (F) Rim Shoals, from mouth of Jenkins Creek to first electric powerline downstream.
- (3) Greers Ferry Tailwater:
  - (A) Cow Shoals from head of shoal as marked to mouth of Canoe Creek from October 1 - December 31. Closed to fishing one-half hour after sunset to one-half hour before sunrise from October 1 – December 31.
  - (B) 100 yards downstream of Greers Ferry Dam to approximately 0.5 miles downstream to the last Fish Hatchery effluent outfall in Kennedy Park.
  - (C) From Dunham to Mossy Shoals.
- (4) Narrows Tailwater:
  - (A) From Narrows Dam to upstream end of the Riverside Park pool year-round.
  - (B) From upstream end of the Riverside Park pool to the gas line crossing above the Riverridge pool for the period from May 1 through October 15.
- (5) Norfork Tailwater from Otter Creek to 100 yds. above River Ridge.
- (6) Spavinaw Creek (Benton County) east of Hwy. 59.

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**BROWN TROUT RESTRICTIONS ON WHITE RIVER.** It shall be unlawful to retain brown trout in possession in the White River, ~~from the upstream boundary of Bull Shoals State Park to the downstream boundary of Bull Shoals State Park~~ *from the wing dike at the Bull Shoals State Park Trout Dock to downstream boundary of Bull Shoals State Park: catch and release only for brown trout from November 1 to January 31.* This area is closed to night (30 minutes after sunset to 30 minutes before sunrise) fishing from November 15, 1996 through January 31, 1997 and November 1 through January 31 thereafter. It is also unlawful to use tackle other than artificial lures or flies with a single, barbless hook when fishing for any species in the above described waters during the November 1 - January 31 period.  
**PENALTY:** \$100.00 to \$1,000.00.

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**POSSESSION OF FILLETED FISH PROHIBITED ON LENGTH/SLOT LIMIT WATERS.** It shall be unlawful to possess filleted fish or fish with head or tail removed while fishing from shore, boat, or transporting fish by boat on length/slot limit waters as described in Code 31.01, Game Fish Daily and Possession Limit Restrictions, Exception (11) and Code 31.02, Black Bass Length Limits and Protective Slot Limits.  
**PENALTY:** \$100.00 to \$1,000.00.

**31.19**  
08-98/08-99      **URBAN FISHING PROGRAM RESTRICTIONS.** It shall be unlawful to fish in the following waters except as specified herein:  
(A) Coleman Creek Pond (Little Rock), Bob Courtway Pond in Conway and Camp Robinson Firing Range on Camp Robinson WMA:  
(1) Fishing open only to persons 15 years of age and younger and 65 years of age and older.  
(2) Only hand held rod or pole allowed.  
(3) Largemouth bass: catch and release only.  
(4) Catfish daily limit: 3  
(5) Bream daily limit: 25  
(6) All other sportfish daily limit: same as statewide  
**PENALTY:** \$100.00 to \$1,000.00.

**31.20**  
08-98/08-99      **COMMUNITY FISHING MANAGEMENT PROGRAM RESTRICTIONS.** It shall be unlawful to fish in the following waters except as specified herein:  
(A) Clear Lake (Clark County), Searcy City Lake in White County, ~~and~~ Carol Ann Cross Pond in Sebastian County, ***T.J. House Reservoir (City of Mulberry Lake) and all lakes and ponds managed by the City of Little Rock Parks and Recreation Department within the city limits of Little Rock.:***  
(1) Only hand held rod or pole allowed.  
(2) Largemouth bass: catch and release only.  
(3) Catfish daily limit: 3  
(4) Bream daily limit: 25  
(5) All other sportfish daily limit: same as statewide.  
(B) Horseshoe Bend Pool (Strawberry River)  
(1) Only two (2) hand held rods allowed.  
(2) Black Bass: 12 inch minimum length limit.  
(3) All other sportfish daily limit: One-half daily limit.  
**PENALTY:** \$100.00 TO \$1,000.00

**31.21**  
10-99      **CHUMMING PROHIBITED.** It shall be unlawful to chum in all trout waters designated as “Catch and Release” areas.  
(Ref: Code 31.16).  
**PENALTY:** \$100.00 to \$1,000.00.

## **Section 41.00**

### **Commercial Fishing Regulations**

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- 41.36 Harris Brake Lake Special Commercial Fishing Season.
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- 41.38 Harvest Restriction of Sturgeon in Mississippi River.

**41.01** **COMMERCIAL TACKLE LICENSES REQUIREMENTS.** It shall be  
08-94 unlawful to fail to obtain the appropriate commercial tackle license for each gill net, trammel net, fish seine, hoop net, slat trap, fiddler net, snag line, trotline, limb line, throw line, set hook, or turtle tackle (turtle net and turtle box) used in the waters of this state.

**EXCEPTIONS:**

- (1) Trotlines, limb lines, throw lines and set hooks used for sportfishing and fish caught for personal use only; Commercial fishermen may not sportfish commercial line gear in waters open to commercial fishing.
- (2) In compliance with Commission Code 42.01 (Fish Farmer Permit Requirements).

**PENALTY:** \$100.00 to \$1,000.00.

**41.02** **COMMERCIAL TACKLE TAG REQUIREMENTS.** It shall be  
06-87 unlawful to fail to attach the metal tags issued with commercial tackle licenses to the tackle as specified herein:

- (A) Gill net, trammel net and fish seine tags must be attached to one end of the float line.
  - (1) If over 100 yards in length, an additional tag is required for each additional 100 yards or fractional part thereof.
- (B) Hoop net and fiddler net tags must be attached to first hoop at the opening of the net.
- (C) Slat trap tags must be attached to the first rib nearest the front opening of each trap.
- (D) Trotline, snagline, throw line, limb line and set hook tags (same tag used for each of these tackles) must be attached to each line at the bank end of the lines.
  - (1) If over 100 feet in length, an additional tag is required for each additional 100 feet or fractional part thereof.

**PENALTY:** \$100.00 to \$1,000.00.

**41.03** **COMMERCIAL TACKLE RESTRICTIONS.** It shall be unlawful to  
10-00 use nets, seines, leads, heart and leads or wings or trotlines other than as specified herein:

- (A) Hoop nets, leads, heart and leads or wings minimum square bar mesh size - two and one-half (2 1/2) inches when wet and with thread not less than fifteen (15) gauge.
- (B) Fiddler nets (where permitted by Code 41.24) minimum square bar mesh size one and one-half (1 1/2) inches when wet. Thread size not less than fifteen (15) gauge. Wings or leads prohibited.
- (C) Commercial fish seines, minimum square bar mesh size - three and one-half (3 1/2) inches with thread not less than fifteen (15) gauge when wet.
- (D) Commercial gill and trammel nets, minimum square bar mesh size - three and one half (3 1/2) inches.

(E) **Trotlines must be run daily and catch removed.**

**PENALTY:** \$100.00 to \$1,000.00.

**41.04 COMMERCIAL FISHING SEASON AND RESTRICTIONS.**

08-00 (A) The following waters are open year around to legal commercial tackle as defined in Code 41.03 and 41.08:

RED RIVER in Hempstead, Lafayette, Little River and Miller counties; LITTLE RIVER from its mouth in Hempstead and Little River counties upstream to Corps of Engineers boat ramp on west bank of river below Millwood Lake Dam; SULPHUR RIVER from its mouth to the Texas State line, OUACHITA RIVER from the Louisiana State Line to the confluence of the Caddo River (See Exception 2 below), Saline River from its confluence with the Ouachita River upstream to the Stillion Railroad Bridge in Ashley and Bradley Counties, FOURCHE LaFAVE RIVER from its mouth to Highway 7 Bridge in Perry County; PETIT JEAN RIVER from its mouth to Highway 10 Bridge in Yell County; WHITE RIVER upstream from its mouth to one hundred (100) yards below Dam No. 1 at Batesville in Independence County; BLACK RIVER from its mouth to the Missouri state line; ST. FRANCIS RIVER upstream to the mouth of the left hand chute of Little River in Poinsett County; CACHE RIVER and lakes accessible by boat from the river. ARKANSAS RIVER from its mouth to the Arkansas/Oklahoma State line including that part of the Arkansas River from the Ozark Dam to the Arkansas - Oklahoma State line, bounded on the north by the Union Pacific Railroad and on the south by Highway 22 (In compliance with Commission Codes 41.09, 41.19, and 41.20) and ARKANSAS WATERS between the main levees of the Mississippi River. All lakes, bays or other bodies of water, other than tributary streams, connected to waters as specified above, when accessible by boat, from the main channel except as limited by Section 30.00 (Reciprocal License Agreements).

**EXCEPTION:**

- (1) Emergency Closures listed in Section 44.00.
- (2) Flathead catfish, bowfin, drum, and gar may not be taken or possessed by commercial fishermen on the Ouachita River from Smackover Creek to the northern boundary of Felsenthal National Wildlife Refuge.
- (3) Blue catfish, flathead catfish, bowfin, drum and gar may not be taken or possessed by commercial fishermen on the Ouachita River from the northern boundary of Felsenthal National Wildlife Refuge to the Louisiana State Line, all waters within Felsenthal National Wildlife Refuge, and from the Saline River from its mouth within Felsenthal National Wildlife Refuge upstream to the Stillion Railroad Bridge.
- (4) Island 40 Chute in Crittenden County closed to commercial fishing except noon, November 1 to noon, March 30, or when accessible by boat from the Mississippi River.

- (B) The following waters are closed year around to commercial fishing:  
Lake Erling, including all tributaries upstream from 100 yards below Lake Erling Dam to State Highway #313 in Lafayette County; All lakes owned and/or operated by the State Parks, Recreation and Travel Commission, the U.S. Forest Service, the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission (excluding Grand Lake and all natural or channel scar lakes on Commission Wildlife Management Areas located within counties not designated as closed); Columbia County Lake in Columbia County, Dorcheat Bayou from its headwaters in Nevada County to the Arkansas/Louisiana state line, Horseshoe Lake in Crittenden County; Saline River above State Highway 4 in Bradley County, Lake Wallace in Drew and Chicot Counties; Upper and Lower Lake Chicot (from Connerly Bayou Dam to the Ditch Bayou Dam, inclusive) in Chicot County; Hensley Lake in Jefferson County, Lake Maumelle in Pulaski County, White Oak Bay (Ozark Lake/Arkansas River), **Morgan Point Bendway Lake in Desha County**, and all lakes in the Hot Springs Village Area of Saline County.
- (C) The following counties or parts thereof are open year around to legal commercial fishing unless noted closed in Section B or other 41.00 codes. Legal gill and trammel nets may be fished in the following counties only from Noon, September 30 to Noon, May 1: Arkansas (See Emergency Closure Code 44.01), Ashley (See Emergency Closure Codes 44.04, 44.05 and 44.06), Bradley (See Emergency Closure Codes 44.03 and 44.06), Calhoun (See Emergency Closure Codes 44.03, 44.04 and 44.06), Chicot, Clay, Columbia (Dorcheat Bayou closed in (B) above; also see Emergency Closure Code 44.02), Craighead, Crittenden, Cross, Dallas, Desha, Drew (See Emergency Closure Codes 44.04 and 44.05), Greene, Hempstead, Jackson, Jefferson (See Emergency Closure Code 44.01), Lafayette, Lawrence, Lee, Lincoln, Little River, Lonoke (See Emergency Closure Code 44.01), Miller, Mississippi, Monroe, Nevada (Dorcheat Bayou closed in (B) above), Ouachita, Phillips, Poinsett, Prairie (See Emergency Closure Code 44.01), Pulaski (See Emergency Closure Code 44.01), Randolph, Saint Francis, White, Woodruff and Union (See Emergency Closure Code 44.06) counties.
- EXCEPTION:**
- (1) For waters in the above counties located within the White River National Wildlife Refuge below Highway 1, gill and trammel net season is from noon, September 30 through noon, November 30 and from noon, March 1 through noon, September 30 when accessible by boat from the White River and the White River is above 23.5 ft. on the St. Charles gauge. All commercial fishermen must obtain a Special Use Permit from the White River Refuge Manager prior to fishing refuge waters.

(2) Saline River and backwaters from Stillion Railroad Bridge in Ashley and Bradley Counties to State Hwy 4 Bridge in Bradley County closed all year to gill and trammel nets.

(D) The following counties are closed year around to commercial fishing unless noted open in Section A or other 41.00 codes:

Baxter, Benton, Boone, Carroll, Clark, Cleburne, Cleveland, Conway, Crawford, Faulkner, Franklin, Fulton, Garland, Grant, Hot Spring, Howard, Independence, Izard, Logan, Johnson, Madison, Marion, Montgomery, Newton, Perry, Pike, Polk, Pope, Saline, Scott, Searcy, Sebastian, Sevier, Sharp, Stone, Van Buren, Washington and Yell counties. When a river or stream forms the boundary between opened and closed counties, that boundary segment shall be open to tackle legal in the open county, unless closed in other 41.00 and 44.00 codes.

**EXCEPTION:**

(1) That part of Saline River south of Hwy 24 in Howard and Sevier counties open year around to hoop nets.

**PENALTY:** \$100.00 to \$1,000.00.

**41.05**  
08-92

**RESIDENT COMMERCIAL FISHING PERMIT REQUIREMENTS.**

It shall be unlawful to purchase commercial tackle tags or to operate commercial tackle without first obtaining a current Resident Commercial Fishing Permit and Sportfishing License and to fail to furnish a bill of sale with permit number to fish markets, processors, or retailers for fish or parts thereof sold in each transaction. Said bill of sale shall be retained by the purchaser for a period of twelve (12) months and made available for inspection by a Commission Wildlife Officer.

**EXCEPTION:**

- (1) Applies only to the first sale of commercial fish or parts thereof.
- (2) Individuals under age 16, or age 65 or over, will be required to purchase an Arkansas Resident Junior/Senior Commercial Fishing Permit only if they plan to sell commercial species of fish.
- (3) A person with a Helper Permit in his immediate possession may operate the properly tagged tackle of a licensed commercial fisherman.

**PENALTY:** \$100.00 to \$1,000.00.

**41.06**  
08-80

**PURCHASE OF WILD COMMERCIAL FISH RESTRICTIONS.**

It shall be unlawful for fish markets, processors, or retailers to purchase commercial fish taken from the waters of the state without first obtaining a bill of sale from the seller for each transaction. Said bill of sale must indicate the permit number of the seller.

**EXCEPTION:**

- (1) Business establishments preparing fish for immediate consumption on the premises.

**PENALTY:** \$100.00 to \$500.00

**41.07** **REQUIREMENTS FOR SELLING COMMERCIAL FISH.** It shall  
08-80 be unlawful for any commercial fisherman owning or operating commercial fishing tackle, and  
fish taken therefrom being sold, to fail to obtain a Commercial Fisherman Permit as specified in  
Commission Code 41.05 (Resident Commercial Fishing Permit Requirements).  
**PENALTY:** \$100.00 to \$500.00.

**41.08** **ILLEGAL COMMERCIAL TACKLE PROHIBITED.** It shall be  
06-85 unlawful to use any tackle for commercial purposes other than as specified herein: Properly  
licensed drag seines, hoop nets (with or without wings or leads), fiddler nets (without wings or  
leads) where permitted, slat traps (where permitted), trammel nets, gill nets, limb lines, set lines,  
trotlines and snaglines in waters open to commercial fishing.  
**EXCEPTION:**  
(1) In compliance with Commission Code 42.01 (Fish Farmer Permit Requirements).  
(2) In compliance with Commission Code 42.04 (Fish Farmer Tackle Requirements).  
**PENALTY:** \$100.00 to \$1,000.00.

**41.09** **RESTRICTED COMMERCIAL FISHING IN ARKANSAS RIVER**  
06-85 **NAVIGATION SYSTEM.** It shall be unlawful to fish with gill and trammel nets in waters  
specified herein:  
(A) From Dam No. 1 to the Arrival Point sign at approximate river mile 9.8;  
(B) From Dam No. 2 to the mouth of Morgan Cut-Off;  
(C) From Lock & Dam No. 3 to the Arrival Point sign at approximate river mile 49.6;  
(D) From Lock & Dam No. 4 to the Arrival Point sign at approximate river mile 65.4;  
(E) From Lock & Dam No. 5 to the Arrival Point sign at approximate river mile 85.8;  
(F) From David D. Terry Lock & Dam to the Arrival Point sign at  
approximate river mile 107.5;  
(G) From Murray Lock & Dam to the Arrival Point sign at approximate river mile  
124.7;  
(H) From Toad Suck Lock & Dam to the Arrival Point sign at  
approximate river mile 155.3;  
(I) From Lock & Dam No. 9 to the Arrival Point sign at approximate river mile  
176.3;  
(J) From Dardanelle Lock & Dam to the Highway 7 bridge;  
(K) From Ozark Lock & Dam to the Arrival Point sign at approximate river mile  
256.2;  
(L) From Lock & Dam No. 13 to the Arrival Point sign at approximate river mile  
292.2.  
**PENALTY:** \$100.00 to \$1,000.00.



**41.10 COMBINING COMMERCIAL FISHING AND SPORTFISHING**

06-85 **PROHIBITED.** It shall be unlawful for a commercial fisherman to sport fish in the same waters where he is engaged in commercial fishing.

**EXCEPTION:**

- (1) When fishing slat traps only.

**PENALTY:** \$100.00 to \$1,000.00.

**41.11 POSSESSION OF GAME FISH BY COMMERCIAL FISHERMEN**

09-88 **PROHIBITED.** It shall be unlawful for commercial fishermen to possess game fish while engaged in commercial fishing or while possessing commercial tackle or commercial fish.

**EXCEPTIONS:**

- (1) Catfish sixteen (16) inches or more in length.
- (2) Alligator Gar.
- (3) In compliance with Commission Code 41.10 (Combining Commercial Fishing and Sport Fishing Prohibited).
- (4) Bream for bait.
- (5) In compliance with Commission Code 41.12 (Undersized Commercial Fish Prohibited).
- (6) In compliance with Commission Code 42.01 (Fish Farmer Permit Requirements).

**PENALTY:** \$100.00 to \$1,000.00 and fishing privileges may be suspended in accordance with Code 11.05, Revocation of Privileges.

**41.12 UNDERSIZED COMMERCIAL FISH PROHIBITED.** It shall be

08-94 unlawful for commercial fishermen to possess catfish or buffalo fish less than 16 inches in length taken from public waters, at any time of year. Commercial fishermen may not take paddlefish (spoonbill) less than 30 inches in body length (measured from front of eye to fork of tail), or less than 24 inches blocked out (head removed immediately behind gills), from public waters during the period of Noon November 1 through Noon on the last day of February. There is no length limit on paddlefish the rest of the year.

**EXCEPTION:**

- (1) Twelve (12) inch blue and channel catfish only may be taken in waters specified in Section 41.24.

**PENALTY:** \$100.00 to \$1,000.00 and fishing privileges may be suspended in accordance with Code 11.05, Revocation of Privileges.

**41.13 COMMERCIAL FISHING BY NON-RESIDENTS PROHIBITED.**

04-96 It shall be unlawful for nonresidents to assist or participate in any commercial harvest operation or to possess commercial fish, mussel, crayfish, turtles or commercial tackle associated with commercial harvest on Arkansas waters. Resident - Any person who has established a bona fide or actual residence of at least 12 months (one year) prior to applying for a license, and who declare intentions of becoming a citizen of Arkansas.

**EXCEPTIONS:**

- (1) In compliance with Commission Code 30.01, 30.02, 30.03 (Reciprocal Agreements).

**PENALTY:** \$100.00 to \$1,000.00.

**41.14 NET LEAD OR WING LENGTH REQUIREMENTS.** It shall be

06-85 unlawful to use any lead or wing of any type connection with hoop, barrel or pond nets in excess of 100 yards in length.

**PENALTY:** \$100.00 to \$1,000.00.

**41.15 NET LEAD OR WING PROXIMITY REQUIREMENTS.** It shall be

- 06-85 unlawful for any lead or wing of any type to be set within 100 yards of another lead or wing.  
**PENALTY:** \$100.00 to \$1,000.00.
- 41.16** **BLOCKING STREAMS WITH NETS PROHIBITED.** It shall be  
03-87 unlawful to block horizontally from water's edge to water's edge more than fifty (50%) percent or  
one-half (1/2) of the width of any stream with nets, leads, wings or seines.  
**PENALTY:** \$100.00 to \$1,000.00.
- 41.17** **SEINING AT NIGHT PROHIBITED.** It shall be unlawful  
06-85 to use any fish seine at night in the public waters of the State.  
**EXCEPTION:**  
(1) Between the main levees of the Mississippi River.  
**PENALTY:** \$100.00 to \$1,000.00.
- 41.18** **CORNING AND LONG LAKES COMMERCIAL LINE RESTRICTIONS.**  
08-80 It shall be unlawful to commercially fish trotlines, throw lines, limb lines or snaglines in Corning  
Lake or Long Lake in Clay County.  
**PENALTY:** \$100.00 to \$1,000.00.
- 41.19** **DARDANELLE LAKE COMMERCIAL FISHING RESTRICTIONS.** It  
08-99 shall be unlawful to use commercial tackle of any type from Noon, March 1 through Noon,  
November 30 in the waters of Dardanelle Lake north of the Missouri Pacific Railroad in Pope,  
Johnson and Franklin Counties, **Dardanelle Bay in Yell County**, and south of signs posted on  
Shoals Bay, Cane Creek Bay, Six Mile Creek at O-Kane Island Access, and south of Highway 22  
in Delaware Bay in Logan County.  
**PENALTY:** \$100.00 to \$1,000.00.
- 41.20** **DARDANELLE LAKE COMMERCIAL TACKLE ANCHORING**  
03-90 **RESTRICTIONS.** It shall be unlawful to fish gill and trammel nets in any part of Dardanelle  
Lake without said nets being anchored so they are within no less than three (3) feet of the water  
surface.  
**EXCEPTION:**  
(1) December 1 to April 1.  
**PENALTY:** \$100.00 to \$1,000.00.

**41.21 ARKANSAS RIVER BELOW DAM NO. 2 COMMERCIAL FISHING**

08-96 **RESTRICTIONS.** It shall be unlawful to fish commercially on the Arkansas River downstream from Dam No. 2 to the Morgan Cut-Off.

**EXCEPTION:**

- (1) Hoop nets only when fished from the launching ramp below the dam on the ~~Desha~~ *Akansas* County side *to the mid-point of the river and downstream to the boat ramp on the Desha County side and henceforth the entire river downstream to* Morgan Cut-Off.

**PENALTY:** \$100.00 to \$1,000.00.

**41.22 COMMERCIAL FISHING RESTRICTIONS STEEL BEND - OLD RIVER**

11-97 **LAKE (PULASKI COUNTY).** It shall be unlawful to commercial fish in Steel Bend - Old River Lake (Pulaski County) other than from Noon, October 1 - Noon, March 1. Only legal size commercial gill and trammel nets may be used. Participants must register with the District Fisheries Biologist and provide monthly landing records.

**PENALTY:** \$100.00 to \$1,000.00.

**41.23 COMMERCIAL TACKLE RESTRICTIONS BIG LAKE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE**

06-85 It shall be unlawful to fish, in any manner, for commercial purposes on the Big Lake National Wildlife Refuge.

**EXCEPTION:**

- (1) Three (3) inch or larger square bar mesh, gill and trammel nets used March 1 through October 31.

**PENALTY:** \$100.00 to \$1,000.00.

**41.24 POSSESSION AND USE OF FIDDLER SIZE HOOP NETS AND SLAT TYPE FISH TRAPS RESTRICTED TO CERTAIN PUBLIC**

08-95 **WATERS.** It shall be unlawful to use or possess fiddler size hoop nets or slat type fish traps in any public waters other than those specified herein:

- (A) Arkansas River, including impoundments thereon, from the mouth at the Mississippi River to Arkansas-Oklahoma State Line.
- (B) L'Anguille River from the mouth at the St. Francis River to the point of origin.
- (C) Little River from its mouth at Corps of Engineers Boat Ramp on the west side of Little River below Millwood Dam.
- (D) All Arkansas waters of the Mississippi River bounding Arkansas.
- (E) Red River from the Louisiana State Line to the Oklahoma state line.
- (F) St. Francis River from the mouth at the Mississippi River to the Missouri state line in Clay County.
- (G) Grand Lake, Chicot County *from noon November 1 till noon March 1.*
- (H) Old Town Lake, Phillips County.
- (I) White River from Interstate 40 bridge to its mouth.
- (J) All lakes, bays or other bodies of water, other than tributary streams, connected to waters specified, when accessible by boat from the main channel.
- (K) Bay Ditch, (Cross, Poinsett and Craighead Counties) from its mouth upstream to U.S. Highway 63 in Craighead County.
- (L) St. Francis Floodway Diversion Ditch from its mouth upstream to U.S. Highway 63 in Poinsett County.
- (M) Cypress Bayou (Whiskey Chute) in Phillips County (Slat traps only).

**EXCEPTIONS:**

- (1) Fiddler size hoop nets prohibited in Arkansas River from the State Highway 7 Bridge, Yell County, to the Arkansas-Oklahoma State Line; in the White River from Interstate

40 bridge to its mouth; and all lakes, bays or other bodies of water connected to White River as specified, whether or not accessible by boat from the main channel; in Grand Lake, Chicot County, and Old Town Lake, Phillips County.

(2) Slat traps may be fished from Noon September 30 to Noon June 1 only in Millwood Lake and year around in Little River above Millwood Lake to the Oklahoma state line.

(3) Sixteen inch size limit on blue catfish taken by commercial gear in the Arkansas River from the Hwy. 7 bridge (Yell County) to the Oklahoma state line.

**PENALTY:** \$100.00 to \$1,000.00.

**41.25**

08-93

**SLAT TYPE FISH TRAP AND FIDDLER SIZE HOOP NET**

**RESTRICTIONS.** It shall be unlawful to use any slat type fish trap or fiddler size net in public waters listed in Commission Code 41.24 other than as specified herein:

(A) Maximum slat trap length - six (6) feet.

(B) Maximum round slat trap diameter - twenty-four (24) inches.

(C) Maximum square trap width and height- twenty-four (24) inches.

(D) Minimum of seven (7) 1 1/2 inch (width) by 3 1/2 inch (length) unobstructed slots evenly spaced around perimeter of the rear portion of catch area. Slat material of wood or plastic.

(E) Fiddler net mesh of any nonmetallic thread or filament material of nylon or cotton with minimum square bar mesh size 1 1/2 inches with thread size not less than 15 gauge and wings or leads are prohibited.

(F) Reference Commission Code 41.02 (Commercial Tackle Tag Requirements).

**PENALTY:** \$100.00 to \$1,000.00.

**41.26**

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**COMMERCIAL FISHING RESTRICTIONS IN LAKE MILLWOOD.**

It shall be unlawful to use gill or trammel nets in Lake Millwood other than from noon September 30 to noon May 1, and slat traps other than from Noon, September 30 to Noon June 1. Nets with square bar mesh less than three and one-half (3 1/2) inches prohibited. Lake Millwood is open year around to other legal commercial fishing.

**PENALTY:** \$100.00 to \$1,000.00.

- 41.27**  
08-00      **COMMERCIAL FISHING RESTRICTIONS IN BLUE MOUNTAIN AND NIMROD LAKES.** It shall be unlawful to commercial fish in Nimrod Lake other than Noon, October 1 to Noon, March 1 and Blue Mountain Lake other than from Noon, October 1 to Noon, March 1. All common carp caught must be removed from these lakes. Commercial fishermen must register prior to fishing with the local district fisheries biologist and must submit monthly catch records to the local district fisheries biologist by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the following month. Legal sized gill and trammel nets or larger only.  
**PENALTY:** \$100.00 to \$1,000.00 and revocation of commercial fishing privileges in Blue Mountain and Nimrod Lakes for non-compliance with requirements.
- 41.28**  
6-86      **AP&L NUCLEAR POWER PLANT (LAKE DARDANELLE)**  
**COMMERCIAL FISHING RESTRICTIONS.** It shall be unlawful to fish commercially in the AP&L Nuclear Power Plant discharge bay from November 1 through March 1.  
**PENALTY:** \$100.00 to \$1,000.00.
- 41.29**  
6-86      **COMMERCIAL FISHING RESTRICTIONS IN POINT REMOVE AND CADRON CREEKS.** It shall be unlawful to use gill or trammel nets with a square bar mesh less than three and one-half (3 1/2) inches nor hoop nets with a square bar mesh less than two and one-half (2 1/2) inches during the commercial fishing season beginning noon September 30 to noon May 1 on the following creeks:  
(1) Cadron Creek - from its mouth to Highway 287 on its east fork in Faulkner County.  
(2) North Cadron Creek - from its mouth to Highway 285 in Faulkner County.  
(3) Point Remove Creek - from its mouth up the east fork to Highway 95 and the Kissire Bridge on the west fork in Conway County.  
**PENALTY:** \$100.00 to \$1,000.00.
- 41.30**  
08-90      **PADDLEFISH POSSESSION RESTRICTIONS ON BORDER WATERS.**  
It shall be unlawful to commercially take or possess paddlefish, also called spoonbill catfish, or possess paddlefish parts including eggs, on the part of the Mississippi River making up the eastern boundary of Arkansas (including oxbow and channel scar lakes) from January 1 through April 30; that part of the White River, from Hwy 67 bridge at Newport, upstream to Dam 1 at Batesville from January 1 through May 31; and on the following border waters with Louisiana from November 1 through April 30: Red River in Hempstead, Lafayette, Little River, and Miller counties; Ouachita River from the Louisiana State Line to 100 yards below Felsenthal Lock and Dam; Bayou Bartholomew from the Louisiana state line to its source in Jefferson County; Bodcau Bayou from the Louisiana state line to the base of Lake Erling Dam; Boeuf River from the Louisiana state line to its source in Chicot County; and Bayou Macon from the Louisiana state line to its source in Desha County.  
**PENALTY:** \$100.00 to \$1,000.00.

- 41.31**  
08-89      **COMMERCIAL FISHING RESTRICTIONS ON DAGMAR WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA.** It shall be unlawful to commercial fish on Dagmar Wildlife Management Area other than from Noon, January 1 until Noon of the last day of February.  
**PENALTY:** \$100.00 to \$1,000.00.
- 41.32**  
08-93      **COMMERCIAL REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.** It shall be unlawful for any commercial fisherman to fail to report annually, on forms supplied by the Commission, harvest of alligator gar or of other such species for which harvest information may be required.  
**PENALTY:** \$100.00 to \$1,000.00.
- 41.33**  
08-98/01-00      **REMOVAL OF PADDLEFISH EGGS PROHIBITED.** It shall be unlawful to possess roe (fish eggs) that has been removed from paddlefish (also called spoonbill catfish) while fishing or transporting fish by boat during the paddlefish length limit season as noted in 41.12.  
**EXCEPTION:**  
(1) Fish eggs that have been removed may be possessed by fishermen while being transported by boat provided that the fishermen have in the boat the gutted fish from which the egg sacks were removed. Additionally, the eggs must remain in the egg sacks (not cleaned) while being transported in the boat.  
**PENALTY:** \$100.00 to \$1,000.00
- 41.34**      ***First Old River (Miller County) Special Commercial Fishing Season.***  
*It shall be unlawful to commercial fish First Old River Lake (Miller County ) other than from from noon November 1 through noon, February 28 with 3 ½ inch gill and trammel nets. Commercial fishermen must obtain and have in their possession while fishing a commercial permit from the District Biologist at the Hope Regional Office and report their catch to the Hope Regional Office by March 15.*
- 41.36**  
08-00      **HARRIS BRAKE LAKE SPECIAL COMMERCIAL FISHING SEASON.** It shall be unlawful to commercial fish Lake Harris Brake in Conway County other than from Noon, September 1 to Noon, March 31, scaled rough fish only. Fishermen must register with the local district biologist to obtain a special use permit in addition to the regular commercial fishing license prior to fishing and the permit must be in their possession while fishing.  
Legal-sized gill and trammel nets only.  
**PENALTY:** \$100.00 to \$1,000.00, and revocation of fishing permit for Harris Brake Lake.
- 41.37**  
08-00      **LAKE ATKINS SPECIAL COMMERCIAL FISHING SEASON.** It shall be unlawful to commercial fish Lake Atkins in Pope County other than from Noon, October 1 to Noon, December 1, scaled rough fish only. Fishermen must register with the local district biologist prior to fishing to obtain a special use permit in addition to the regular commercial fishing license and the permit must be in their possession while fishing. Anglers must submit monthly catch records by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the following month to the local district biologist. Legal-sized gill and trammel nets only.  
**PENALTY:** \$100.00 to \$1,000.00, and revocation of fishing permit for Lake Atkins.

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**HARVEST RESTRICTION OF STURGEON IN MISSISSIPPI RIVER.**

**It shall be unlawful to commercially take or possess sturgeon from the Mississippi River, including the Arkansas River to Dam #2 and the White River to Montgomery Point Lock and Dam.**

**PENALTY: \$100.00 to \$1,000.00.**